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Construction Begins on Routes 184, 204

(Lamoine) — Work has started on a one-million dollar reconstruction project that should have portions of Routes 184 and 204 dug up for a good chunk of the summer. Lane Construction of Ellsworth and Connecticut won the bid, and their subsidiary, Wardwell Construction of Bucksport will perform the bulk of the road work. Meeting just before construction began, Maine Department of

Transportation engineers reviewed the many aspects of the planned construction. Much of the project is impacted by utility poles, and crews from Verizon will have to move several dozen of them further away from the road. Bangor Hydro Electric crews are also reconfiguring the utility poles at the intersection of Routes 204 and 3 (by the Cheese House).

Another important aspect of the project is drainage. As pictured to the left, old cross culverts are being torn up and replaced with new, heavy duty plastic culverts with better outlets for drainage. Trees have been trimmed back to make room for the utility pole moves and to widen, in some cases, the road shoulder.

Some safety improvements to Route 184 will come as well. The hill by Artist's Way will be lowered significantly to improve site distance for vehicles headed east. A companion project partly funded by the town will improve visibility at the intersection by the town hall where there are numerous accidents.



A crew from Lane & Wardwell Construction removes a culvert on Douglas Highway as they begin a major reconstruction of about 8 miles of state roads.

Deputy Code Officer Resigns

Admits Commission of Shoreland Violation

(Lamoine) — The Board of Selectmen unanimously accepted the resignation of Deputy Code Enforcement Officer John Larson in May after a lengthy complaint about an alleged Shoreland zoning violation brought by two of the town's assessors. The Board also instructed town attorney Tony Beardsley to negotiate a settlement that includes either removal of the building in violation, or obtaining a permit with the proper setback from the shore line.

The problem began in the summer of 2002 when Assessors Terry Towne and Jane Fowler informed Code Enforcement Officer John Holdsworth that a building at Larson's property appeared to be in violation. Mr. Holdsworth questioned Mr. Larson who said it was a repair of an existing building as allowed by the Shoreland Zoning Ordinance. He produced a check returned by a former Code Enforcement Officer with a note saying repairs were allowed.

Mr. Towne then issued the complaint to the Board of Selectmen, who questioned Mr. Larson who happened to be in attendance at a meeting in October 2002. Mr. Larson again

Lamoine Highlighted In Thread

Fund Raiser for Habitat for Humanity House

(Lamoine) — A cloth covering featuring scenes from Lamoine (old and new) has proven quite popular, and the money raised will go to a good cause. The Lamoine Baptist Women Ministries put together a fund-raiser selling the “tapestry throw” of Lamoine, with the profits to benefit the Habitat for Humanity House. Marion McFarland (pictured at right, above), was part of the committee that helped design the throw featuring historic buildings, town government offices and scenes, and got the design to a firm in North Carolina which specializes in the fundraisers. The first draft was unveiled at the June Election, and by the time the polls were closed, over 70 had been ordered, with more orders likely.

The throws cost \$48.00 apiece, and the come in blue, green and red. Each is 50” by 65” and woven from 100% cotton. Mrs. McFarland says they expect shipment of the first 100 throws sometime in July, and folks who want one can contact her or any member of the church group to place an order.



Lamoine Preserved On Cloth
*Marion McFarland displays the new Lamoine
Tapestry Throw in its final design stages.
Proceeds from the sales benefit the Habitat for
Humanity Project in Lamoine that broke ground
in the spring.*

stated the project involved repair of an existing building. After several more meetings with the parties separately, Mr. Towne and Mrs. Fowler took their complaint to the Board of Appeals.

At the Appeals Board meeting, it was ruled that the two assessors did not have “standing” - that is they were not an abutting property owner, nor were they particularly injured by the presence of the building. However, among those in attendance at the meeting was a carpenter who worked on the project who said that Mr. Larson pulled down the old camp and prepared the base for the newly constructed building.

Confronted with the testimony, Mr. Larson admitted to the Selectmen in May that he “mis-spoke” when he said it was a repair job in October. He tendered his resignation that evening, and it was accepted a week later by the Board after meeting with the town attorney. A resolution to the violation is still in the negotiation stage between the Larson’s attorney and the town attorney. Selectmen have asked that the Larsons pay a fine, attorneys fees, and to either get a permit or remove the structure.

Volunteer Police Patrol Under Exploration

(Lamoine) — Another crime spree in late spring has heightened interest from the Board of Selectmen in exploring law enforcement options. The Selectmen met with Charles Wheeler, currently a Hancock Town Selectman, and the long-time chief of the volunteer police force in Hancock. He said their volunteer patrol is unique in Maine, and they actively patrol the town with a cruiser and two person crews. Mr. Wheeler said the patrol

has proven to be a good deterrent to property crimes, and they act as the eyes and ears for the Sheriff’s Department or the State Police when called to an incident.

The Selectmen have asked to revive a committee that looked at public safety needs of Lamoine to further explore the volunteer patrol idea, and the place the matter before town meeting. The same group previously recommended an increase police presence.

Applicants Sought for Deputy CEO, Conservation Commission

(Lamoine) — Resignations have created a pair of openings the Board of Selectmen would like to fill in July. A Deputy Code Enforcement Officer is needed to back up CEO John Holdsworth when he's away on vacation or otherwise unavailable to process permit applications and perform inspections. The Deputy CEO does not have to be certified to start, but must receive state certification within a year of being hired. The Deputy CEO is paid the CEO's salary when filling in. If other duties are assigned, a suitable payment arrangement could be worked out with the Board of Selectmen.

There are two openings on the Conservation Commission, which is a volunteer post. Patricia Wallace and Susan Wuorinen recently resigned from the commission. Details on service on this board can be gathered from Selectman Jo Cooper or Commission Chair Fred Stocking.

In addition to the full opening, there are an unlimited number of associate positions available on the Conservation Commission for those interested.

The deadline for letters of interest is July 10th. The Selectmen hope to decide on the appointees on July 17th.

Building Permits Issuance Brisk—Again!

(Lamoine) — Construction season is in full swing as Code Enforcement Officer John Holdsworth has issued 26 permits in the past quarter.

No.	Name	Project
7	Nelson Durgin	Shed
8	Patricia Young	Residence
9	Colene Sharkey	Garage/Apt.
10	Lane Construction	Temp Office
11	Carol Mason	Residence
12	Kenneth Parton	Sunroom/Deck
13	Ronald Madore	Garage
14	Robert Nagle	Addition
15	Gordon Donaldson	Residence/Barn
16	Richard Davis	Replacement
17	Town of Lamoine	Move Shed

18	William Hersey	Residence
19	David Pinkham	Residence
20	Glenn Grant	Residence
21	Charles Ashmore	Garage
22	Arthur Page Jr.	Addition
23	Charles Harding Jr.	Shed
24	William Haass	Garage
25	Gladys Connolly	Deck
26	Theodore Emery	Garage
27	Melissa Tracy	Residence
28	Wayne Wright	Residence
29	Richard Fennelly Sr.	Residence
30	Toby Stephenson	Residence
31	Lisa McGlothlin	Addition
32	Lisa McGlothlin	Shed
33	Pamela Jordan	Residence

Lobster Pound Application Filed

(Lamoine) — The owners of the Seal Point Lobster Pound have filed additional information the Planning Board requested to seek a Site Plan Review Permit. The information arrived at the town office the last week in June and was to be considered by the Planning Board in a completeness review at the July 1st meeting.

The Board of Appeals sent back an approved Shoreland Permit decision to the Planning Board, citing no written findings of fact. Additionally, the Appeals Board found the Lobster Pound is also required to obtain a site plan review permit for its parking lot expansion.

All sides have expressed some frustration that the process has taken a great deal of time. Once the Planning Board finds the application complete, a public hearing will be scheduled to act on the Site Plan Review permit. Once that is dealt with, the Board has said it will issue the findings of fact on the Shoreland Permit.

Stump Grinding Operation Submits Info

(Lamoine) — Additional hydro-geology information on the area surrounding a proposed stump grinding operation between Mill Road and Lamoine Beach Road has come in to the Lamoine Planning Board. In May, the Planning Board rejected issuance of a permit to Doug

New Members Appointed to Planning Board

(Lamoine) — The resignation of Joan Bragdon and the expiration of Doug Coleman's term on the Planning Board created some openings to fill.

Alternate member Michael Garrett moved into the full-member slot vacated when Mrs. Bragdon stepped down. Taking Mr. Garrett's alternate position is Linda Haft of Lorimer Road. She's the human resources director for KidsPeace in Ellsworth and said she looks forward to her town service. She said her interest in the Planning Board came when she and her husband went before the board for a construction permit.

Mr. Coleman retires after a pair of five-year terms on the Planning Board. His spot will be taken by Stuart Branch of Bloomfield Park Road. Mr. Branch is a restaurateur and has long been interested in town planning matters.

Both the Planning Board and the Board of Selectmen thanked Mr. Coleman for his dedicated service for 10-years.

The Planning Board, Selectmen and Appeals Board held a workshop meeting in Mid-May to discuss which boards do what, and to talk about proper procedures and paper work needs. Planning Board members Garrett and Branch along with CEO John Holdsworth and Public Works Study Committee Chair Ken Smith attended a workshop on Subdivisions in Machias in June.

Two Week Submission Deadline Imposed

(Lamoine) — The Lamoine Planning Board has asked that any item on the coming month's agenda have the information submitted at least two weeks prior to the meeting. That submission will give town office staff to determine if the submission is complete, and if not, to contact the developer to bring the proper information.

More Subdivisions Proposed In Lamoine

(Lamoine) — Lamoine's Planning Board will have its plate full this summer with subdivisions. At least 3-proposals await public hearings and final action after a completeness review in July.

The first subdivision is by Richard King and Malcolm Harriman. The proposal called "Jordan River View Estates" would create 4-lots between Douglas Highway and the Jordan River. The smallest lot is 1.65 acres, the largest 2.49 acres.

Mr. Harriman is also designing another subdivision off Douglas Highway and leading to the shores of Jordan River. The owner of the land is Ronald and Marie Simons. The preliminary application submitted to the Planning Board has changed, and a new application is anticipated in July. It's not clear how many lots will be proposed, though the initial application indicated that 12 lots would be created.

Developer Steve Joy has proposed a

Gott & Sons, Inc. for a stump grinder, and asked for additional information.

Besides the hydro-geological information, the Board asked that the grinder be set in place, and a noise test performed by the Code Enforcement Officer at the abutting lot lines to ensure compliance with noise ordinances. Additionally, Planning Board is seeking clarification if such an operation is allowed in a permitted gravel pit and in the Rural and Agricultural Zone. The Board also requested the fire department be provided a gate key.

subdivision called "Marlboro Mist II" which would create place eight house lots behind a subdivision Mr. Joy created a few years ago along Partridge Cove Road. The seven lots in "Marlboro Mist I" are all developed now, all with homes placed on them.

Mr. Joy has also proposed to the Planning Board that a subdivision along Rabbit Run (off Shore Road) add one additional lots. Four houses have been constructed on the lots already.

The Planning Board gave approval to a subdivision off Partridge Cove Road submitted by Tim Ring of Gouldsboro and surveyor Tom Benson of Southwest Harbor. That approval for a 8-lot subdivision came in May. So far, no lots have been developed, and the subdivision road has not yet been constructed. The road will need to be named once in place.

The Hancock Planning Board is also looking at a subdivision bordering Lamoine off Mud Creek Road.

Another Crime Spree Disrupts Townspeople

(Lamoine) — Officers from the Hancock County Sheriff's Department and the Maine State Police are investigating a rash of thefts in Lamoine and surrounding communities during late May and early June. Most of the problems involve break-ins at private homes. Police reported burglaries on Lamoine Beach Road, Asa's Lane, Needles Eye Road, and Douglas Highway, among other locations.

Sign thieves were back at it as well, stealing road signs in several locations around town. One person witnessed a sign theft in

progress and reported it to the town office, which in turn reported it to the Sheriff's Department. Deputy Andrew Feeney was able to track down the road name sign and stop sign taken from the end of Walker Road, and it was reinstalled a few days after it disappeared. Feeney issued a summons to Michael Tibbetts of the Shore Road for the sign theft. Tibbetts already faces a substantial sentence if convicted of arson and other crimes in connection with a vandalism spree late in 2002.

Harbor Fees Remain At \$15.00 Per Year

(Lamoine) — Selectmen, at the urging of harbor users and the Harbor Master, have kept the mooring fees at \$15.00 for this year. The Board also voted to pay Harbor Master Bill Pinkham \$500 and Deputy Harbor Master Gerald Ford \$250 to cover their expenses on the job.

The request to keep fees the same came after a workshop meeting with mooring holders in April. Several changes to the ordinance proposed to the workshop were scuttled, though a couple changes to update the ordinance and clarify some language will be proposed to a town meeting later in the year.

Harbor Masters Pinkham & Ford report business is brisk at the harbor in front of Lamoine State Park, with all moorings spoken for and a waiting list in place.

So Why Is Bloomfield Park Road So Rough?

(Lamoine) - The ride into the swimming spot at Blunt's Pond is a rough one these days, and it likely won't improve anytime soon. The rough ride is intentional, and it's apparently working to keep vandals and others from late night rowdiness on lands around the pond.

The only residence on the road belongs to Stuart & Lisa Branch, and they've requested that the town not maintain the road which serves as a driveway to their home in order to keep vehicles using it from speeding by. The Branches report fewer problems with "pit parties" this year utilizing their road, and so far, no trouble has been reported at the pond.

Illegal Campfires Reported at Beach

(Lamoine) — A state forest ranger is investigating a campfire illegally started near the outhouse at Lamoine Beach in June. Neighbors reported the remnants of the fire to the Town Office the next day, and a large mess of beer bottles and other trash nearby. An aerosol can was discovered burned in the middle of the pile (see picture below).

All outdoor fires require a permit from the local forest fire warden, and no permit was



issued for the park. It is illegal to burn litter such as the aerosol can. Ranger Brian Barrett has some solid leads in the case, including a piece of litter left at the scene, and a license plate of the possible perpetrator who will be questioned. New signs reminding that no fires are allowed are posted.

Lamoine Man Serving His Country In Iraq

(Lamoine) — When Jimmy Brown of Jordan River Road joined the US Army right out of High School, he probably didn't think he's soon see action in the Middle East. But the PFC's 101st Airborne unit from Fort Campbell Kentucky has been right in the thick of things since before the beginning of Operation Desert Storm.

Jimmy's dad, Paul, reports that his son was initially stationed in Kuwait, servicing Blackhawk and Apache helicopters. He was transferred in late June to Baghdad to go on patrol, stand guard duty, and continue servicing the computer systems on the choppers. He says his son has kept in touch sporadically through letters and a couple phone calls and he's doing well. He said the weather at 11AM one day was sunny and 132-degrees!. He says Jimmy's lost about 40-pounds since deployment. As for guard duty, Jimmy reports to his dad that it's not the most



Two of America's Finest!

PFC Jimmy Brown hopes to return home to Lamoine after his stint with the US Army based in Kuwait and Iraq. Before leaving, Brown posed for the camera with his little brother Jared

Photo by Paul Brown

exciting thing to do. He said you stand in a tower and stare at the sand, and "nothing ever moves".

Paul Brown says his son has grown to appreciate his home town since deploying to a war zone and he hopes to move back to Lamoine after his time with the Army is through.

New Road Name Assigned

(Lamoine) — Martin's Cove Lane is the newest road name in Lamoine. It is located off Eagle Point Road and leads to two residences, one being newly constructed. The Road Naming Ordinance requires a separate road name when a driveway or road serves more than one home.

Selectmen's Schedule

(Lamoine) — The Board of Selectmen has cut its meeting schedule back to once a month for the summer. Meetings are set for July 17th, August 14th and September 11th. After that, the bi-weekly meeting schedule will resume. Emergency meetings may be held if needed.

Junkyard Violation Corrected

(Lamoine) — A Jordan River Road business has come back into compliance with state automobile graveyard laws by removing the offending vehicles. Clifton Bradford had stored nearly a dozen wrecked cars in plain view from the road during the winter. Code Enforcement Officer John Holdsworth wrote to Bradford, giving him a deadline to remove the vehicles or obtain a permit. A check of the property by the deadline found the wrecked vehicles had disappeared.

State law requires an automobile graveyard license when more than two unserviceable vehicles are stored on a plot of land. Mr. Bradford formerly had such a license but voluntarily gave it up when he violated the conditions of the license and removed all the junk vehicles several years ago.

Ordinances At Work

(Lamoine) — Lamoine's Planning Board is working on changes to the Building and Land Use Ordinance to clarify some language problems that crop up from time to time. The board hopes to have suggestions done in time for a special town meeting late this summer or in early autumn.

At the same time, the Board will resubmit the proposed Floodplain Management Ordinance changes to bring that ordinance up to date. The changes were defeated at the March town meeting with little publicity.

Town Heads Into FY '04 In Strong Shape

(Lamoine) — Low interest rates and tax rebates from the federal government have trickled down into a strong local economy. A population increase hasn't hurt the town's finances either, as the town ends Fiscal Year 2003 in strong shape.

The biggest surprise is excise tax collections. Heading into the last few days of the year, excise tax collections are more than \$51,000 ahead of budget. The increase is about \$35,000 from the previous fiscal year. A conservative budgeting for excise tax took place because of the economic uncertainty, but low interest rates spurred new car sales, and an influx of residents brought a higher volume of higher priced cars, stimulating the increased revenue. Education revenues from the state and other sources are also up sharply, however that does not affect the town's general fund. The only income source not ahead of projections is investment interest. Low interest rates are blamed for that, and the overall interest revenue will likely be over 90-percent of

budget.

On the expenditure side, tight spending policies on the town and school side will bring most lines in well under budget. The only exception are the Planning Board, which had many expenses associated with meeting notifications developments offset by income booked in the Code Enforcement account. Selectmen at year's end approved a transfer of \$900 from the CEO budget to cover the shortfall. The other tight budget will be solid waste, as the higher population has brought with it higher disposal amounts at the PERC plant, and therefore higher costs. It is anticipated the solid waste budget will be exceeded by less than \$1,000 at year's end.

The town's budget committee sets a goal of having a surplus of \$300,000 at the end of the year. That's needed cash to get through the summer months before the real estate taxes start coming in. Near the end of June, the town still had over \$600,000 in its bank accounts.

Anderson House Sold

To Be Moved Soon

(Lamoine) — Lamoine's Board of Selectmen solicited for bids to sell the former Nate & Marti Anderson house and garage purchased late last year by the town and the Department of Environmental Protection. Only one bid came in, and the Board accepted it. Neil and Ralph Murphy bid \$3,000 for the two buildings with the stipulation that they move

Recording System Purchased for Town Hall

(Lamoine) — If and when the ability to broadcast meetings live on cable TV comes to be, the town has partially prepared for it happening. In the meantime, town boards can make some pretty high quality audio

Town Officials Rehired

(Lamoine) — Lamoine's Board of Selectmen and all the regularly paid town officials reached contract agreements in May, so the same faces will be around for another year at town facilities. The only change is on paper, and that is for Tax Collector/Town Clerk Hubene Brodie who becomes an appointed official as of July 1st. She agreed to a contract with the Board provided that Saturday hours be split among the other town office staff.

Also rehired were Administrative Assistant Stu Marckoon, Assistant Tax Collector/Town Clerk Kathleen DeFusco, Transfer Station Manager Allen Sternfield, and Code Enforcement Officer John Holdsworth. Selectmen also appointed officials to town boards who sought reappointment. As noted in a previous page, there are still vacancies for Deputy Code Enforcement Officer and on the Conservation Commission. Most appointments expire on June 30th each year.



them to another piece of property in Lamoine. While it might seem like quite a bargain for the Murphys, the Selectmen saw it as an opportunity to solve some problems. Once the house and garage are moved, they will go back on the tax rolls and general real estate taxes again. Additionally, the town would no longer have to insure and maintain the buildings, which could add up to a costly sum over time.

The Murphys hope to move the buildings to a lot they recently purchased on Buttermilk Road sometime after the road construction on Routes 184 and 204 is complete.

Selectmen Accept Septic System Grant

(Lamoine) — The town will get a state grant to assist a Jordan River Road homeowner in replacing a defective septic system that may affect the Jordan River. The Department of Environmental Protection's small community grant (SCG) program agreed to provide \$3,000 toward the project, with the homeowner to pay for the rest of the replacement system. The town will administer the project.

Selectmen will next send the system design out to bid, and select a contractor to install it. It was the only submission in 2003 to the town for a replacement septic system under the SCG program.

Anyone that might have a failing septic system and is income eligible can inquire at the town office about getting on the list for 2004 through the SCG program.

recordings of their meetings. A new microphone mixer and amplifier with speakers has been purchased at year's end so that several mikes will pick up the conversation during Planning Board, Selectmen, Appeals Board and other meetings that would benefit from recordings. The speakers will allow those who can't hear the conversations clearly a better opportunity to hear the discussion.

The system, purchased from Radio Shack, cost about \$275.00 from the cable TV fund. Microphones were purchased for town meeting last March.

Revaluation Still Likely For Summer/ Fall

(Lamoine) — Faced with rapidly rising property values, and valuation rates set in 1993, the Board of Assessors will work with RJD Appraisal of Pittsfield to perform an update on the property valuations effective April 1, 2004. The latest analysis from the state shows the total valuation for the town to be about 77% of the state valuation listed for Lamoine.

The re-assessment will be done mostly on paper. For the past four years, each property has been visited and updated as far as the buildings present. The appraisers will take that information and work the formulas to reflect current market values on the land and buildings to come up with the new values. It's not known yet when the work will begin.

Tax Assessor Colene Sharkey works on the voluminous files regarding changes to the Homestead Application. Reimbursements to the town will likely fall this year.

Homestead Tax Exemption Changes

(Lamoine) — Changes approved by the Maine Legislature may be a pre-cursor to the elimination of the Homestead Exemption program. They have also created a nightmare for tax assessors across Maine who have to check each individual property for total valuation in order to figure out the proper amount of exemption.

The bill approved by lawmakers adjusts the property tax exemption amount in a 3-tier system, with a lower rate subject to exemption on higher priced properties. The move is designed to save the state several million dollars in reimbursements to towns granting homestead exemptions by increasing the property tax to higher value exemption recipients.

In Lamoine, that amounts to a valuation check on 466 individual properties to calculate the proper amount of exemption. Some of the property cards involve commercial buildings which are subtracted from the homestead calculation.

Last year, homestead exemptions saved individual taxpayers \$89.78 on their local property tax bill, with the state reimbursing the town for that savings. Because the ratio on the state valuation has dropped this year, the saving is likely to be about \$86, depending on the tax rate set by the Board of Assessors.

Fix Up Planned For Seal Point Road End

(Lamoine) — If all goes as planned this summer, the gravel portion of Seal Point Road will no longer be infested with recurring potholes. Instead, it will be paved, the water should go where it is supposed to, and the daily bump and grind for residents and truck traffic on the road should improve.

Several years ago, the town rebuilt and paved only a portion of the road after town meeting limited the amount of money to spend on the road. Neighbors asked the Selectmen at the time to leave a portion of the town section of the road in a gravel state, and the request was granted. Now the limited availability of a grater and the poor drainage conditions of the road have combined to make a fix-up in order. When the grader came in 2003, it took several weeks after the order to arrive, and the operator was only able to provide a very light grading. That meant the potholes quickly reappeared, though not as severe as during the winter.

Contractor Jay Fowler hopes to perform drainage work in July after offering to perform a quick transit study of the road to determine where the water should drain. Savings from the projected paving on Buttermilk Road should allow the town to pave the final 750-feet of the public portion of Seal Point Road during the summer months.

Transfer Station Getting Cramped For Space

(Lamoine) — The increasing number of year-round homes has started to put a strain on the Lamoine Transfer Station. Manager Allen Sternfield reports that when the warm weather months started, all 13-dumpsters were full on both Fridays and Saturdays, and he's concerned that trash volume may exceed the space available. The town is currently licensed for 13 dumpsters, 10 under cover and 3 outside. The recent closing of the metals pile will create room for a few more dumpsters outdoors, and the Department of Environmental Protection said adding more capacity should not be a problem. The other

option is to add more days open and trips by the trash hauler to the PERC trash to energy plant. Selectmen will deal with the capacity issue this summer.

Recycling has dropped off a bit at the transfer station according to the report submitted to the state for 2002. The big reason for that was closure of the metal pile which provided several dozen tons of credit for recycling. The latest report saw the recycling rate drop from 34.1% to 25.5%. Another reason for the drop is that the method used to figure out the amount of cardboard recycled seemed to change from past years. Because the cardboard is not weighed separately from other communities, an estimate is necessary based on a formula provided by the state. That formula showed 22.5 tons of cardboard recycled in 2002.

Municipal Land Search Continues

(Lamoine) — The possibility of buying or trading for a suitable piece of land for municipal purposes continues in the study phase. The Public Works Study Committee sent out letters to people who own large tracts of land that might meet the criteria for various municipal needs ranging from a school, to a public works/salt shed building, to a reconfigured transfer station. Several dozen questionnaires went to landowners identified through the tax records as having large, possibly suitable parcels. The questionnaires have started to trickle in, and the Committee, led by Ken Smith, will study the responses and determine



Jeff Clarke looks through the transit while Jay Fowler holds the height stick to determine the best way to drain the water from Seal Point Road

Metal Area Cleanup Will Be Expensive

(Lamoine) — There's not much contamination, but what's around the former metal pad at the Lamoine will be expensive to clean up nonetheless. Illegally dumped automobile parts that contained oil, anti-freeze, and other hazardous wastes caused the problem. A routine inspection by the Department of Environmental Protection picked up the leakage around the cement pad, and DEP asked the town to clean it up.

Wet weather in the fall and winter prevented an exact determination of how much had to be cleaned, but an inspection in June by the DEP found the leakage only went down a couple inches. The town has contacted Clean Harbors to take away the dirt. The estimated cost is about \$2,500.

Water Tests Show Little Change

(Lamoine) — Water testing at four residential wells around the closed landfill show about the same results as in past years. The testing was reduced by one well with the town's purchase of the Anderson home. The testing coincided with DEP well monitoring conducted in April, and the results from that were consistent with past years. None of the residential wells had a significant amount of contaminants to require any state action. The DEP requires the wells to be tested once per year.

Town Hall Renovations Complete

(Lamoine) — A new entrance and siding on the front 3/4's of the Town Hall is complete, and drawing nice remarks from visitors. Carpenter Ralph Murphy completed the project in May, adding a new bulletin board, doing some minor cosmetic touch ups inside, and even adding the old mail slot back through the front door. The project cost \$9,666 which was more than originally budgeted. Town meeting approved the extra costs from the FY '03 budget.

State DOT To Fix Up Some Lamoine Roads

(Augusta) — The 2-year plan released by Maine Department of Transportation includes five projects in Lamoine, but no major road rebuilding effort in North Lamoine.

Among the projects listed for the 2004/2005 plan are:

Replace a culvert on Route 184, south of Mill Road (\$30,000)

Replace a culvert on Mud Creek Rd. (\$60,000)

Guardrail Improvement, Route 204 (\$20,000)

Highway Improvements Route 184/204 (\$52,566, town pays \$8,000)

Paving Route 204 from Douglas Highway to Marlboro Beach Road (\$114,170)

which parcels to view. A meeting is set for July 8th to review the responses and determine the best way to proceed.

The annual town meeting dedicated \$3,000 for the land search process. So far no money has been expended from that fund.

The Public Works Study Committee was originally formed to see whether it would be more cost effective to continue contracting for road work or to create a town public works department. The committee concluded that for now, the contract effort will stand, but it also saw a future need for a facility and recommended the land search. Selectmen opted to keep the committee intact to keep studying the land options.

Selectmen Authorize Work on Town Roads

(Lamoine) — Summer road maintenance projects are set on several roads, and much of the work will involve smoothing out heaved culverts. The long, cold winter tremendously affected a number of culverts, especially on Buttermilk and Shore Roads.

Ditching and drainage work is planned on Shore Road in preparation for paving in coming years. Crack sealing will be done on Mill Road which is on the paving list for the Lamoine Beach Road end for the summer of 2004.

The middle section of Buttermilk Road between the Ellsworth town line and the section paved 3 years ago will get a surface coat of paving this summer, probably in July.

Fire Department Takes Delivery on Rescue Tool

(Lamoine) — Volunteer firefighters in Lamoine now have a heavy duty hydraulic tool to help extricate car accident victims. The tool arrived in May, and was put to use just a few days later on a car accident in front of the Lamoine General Store.

The tool manufactured by Holmatro, cost approximately \$9,600. The fire department solicited funds to help pay for the tool, and raised enough to add a special cutting device in addition to what's called the "combi-tool", which is a cutter and a spreader.

The new tool uses a gas powered hydraulic pump to spread the jaws apart and bring them together with tremendous power and force. It easily can take the roof off a car, remove a door panel, even roll up a dashboard to

take pressure off an accident victim.

For several weeks since the tool's arrival, firefighters practiced on junk cars donated by Barry Norris at Pro Auto Center. The volunteers were grateful for the donation and the experience gained by working on vehicles before the real thing happens. Several firefighters have already attended classes on motor-vehicle extrication.

The purchase came about after an accident the previous year left a woman

trapped in her vehicle for a long time while a similar unit arrived from the Ellsworth Fire Department. Town meeting approved \$4,500 toward the rescue unit this year.



Lamoine Volunteer Firefighter David Herrick Jr. tries his hand at cutting up a junk car with the fire department's new rescue tool. Many thanks to Pro-Auto for donating the cars.

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Fire Department Auction is August 15

(Lamoine) - Professional auctioneer Chas Hare has once again donated his services to the Lamoine Volunteer Fire Department as the members hold their annual auction on Friday, August 15, 2003 at 6:00 PM. Preview will begin at 5:00 PM.

Firefighters will be soliciting for auction donations in the weeks before the annual auction which should bring great bargains on goods and services from area merchants. Additionally, useful household items in good condition are welcome donations. The auction benefits the fire department, and the Lamoine Grange will serve refreshments at the event.

If you have something to donate to the auction, you can call the Lamoine Town Hall at 667-2242 and speak with Asst. Chief Stu Marckoon.

Town Signs Dispatching Contract

(Ellsworth) — The Hancock County Regional Communications Center will continue to dispatch Lamoine's fire department. Selectmen approved the contract with the RCC until January 1, 2005. The cost for the first year is \$2,113.89. The 2nd year will be based on a formula dependent on how much use the fire department makes of the RCC as a percentage of all users.

Out of Town Fires
Highlight Calls

For Emergencies It's
Only 9-1-1

(Lamoine) — Firefighters from Lamoine assisted on a pair of major fires in Hancock County during the spring. A good sized crew went to Tunk Lake Road in Sullivan to assist in putting out a 125 acre forest fire. Two trucks went, with the forestry brush truck putting in about 4-hours of active service on the fire scene, and the crew knocking down the leading edge of the fire. No serious injuries were reported, but the truck did suffer a flat tire in off-road use.

In Ellsworth, the tanker truck was called to the scene of a huge barn/garage fire on Red Bridge Road, and two firefighters assisted the interior attack at Millmark Products. A half dozen other firefighters manned the Ellsworth station and assisted in cleaning up from that blaze in June.

The rescue boat was called to Great Pond in Franklin for a boating accident. Though it took only 15-minutes to arrive, both victims were already out of the water, though one did not survive his injuries.

A pair of calls to assist the Trenton Fire Department turned out to be either relatively minor or false alarms

In town, things were relatively quiet. A car accident in front of Lamoine General Store saw the new rescue tool used for the first time. Firefighters assisted at the scene of a rescue call when a flagger working on the DOT project collapsed in the heat during June. A grass fire that got away from a Rabbit Run resident saw a quick response. Firefighters sprayed foam on the area, but the homeowner had pretty much put things out upon arrival.

(Lamoine) — If you need police, fire or ambulance services, **DIAL 9-1-1**. That's the plea from the Hancock County Regional Communications Center, and there might also be some confusion caused by the latest telephone books. Verizon continued to publish the old Lamoine Fire Department emergency number in the book which is no longer in service. Because the town does not get its municipal phone service through Verizon, apparently there was some miscommunication when the order went in to discontinue the old emergency number when the new phone books were published.

Non-emergencies for police can call the Sheriff's Department 667-7575, or the Maine State Police (866-2121) while County Ambulance's non-emergency number is 667-3200. The Lamoine Fire Station is not manned, but the number at the firehouse is 667-2623. Most fire non-emergency calls can be handled at the town office (667-2242).

Five Complete Forest Fire School

(Augusta) — Five members of the Lamoine Volunteer Fire Department devoted two full weekends to forest fire training. Attending the classes by the Maine Forest Service were Mary Harney, Kermit Theall, Bill Fennelly, Amy Stevens and Jennifer Reynolds. The school was held in Augusta as part of a statewide forest firefighting school. With passage the firefighters could conceivably be called on to fight forest fires anywhere in the nation.

The County RCC came into existence in late 2002, removing dispatch responsibilities from the Sheriff's Department. Few other options are available for towns currently dispatched by the RCC, and as more communities join up, the dispatch cost for each community should drop. The RCC is also the answering point for 9-1-1 calls.



Man, it's a hot one!

The remnants of a torn down home on Marlboro Beach Road burn while volunteer firefighters watch to make sure it doesn't spread to the woods.

LVFD Tax Exempt

(Lamoine) — The Lamoine Volunteer Fire Department has been granted official tax exempt status by the Internal Revenue Service under section 501(c)(3). That means donations to the separately chartered organization can be deducted from income taxes. Previous, donations were treated as to a department of the municipal government.

Honor Graduates, 2003

(Lamoine) — Another good crop of smart kids graduated from area high schools this spring. Lamoine residents graduating with honors from MDI High School in Bar Harbor were class salutatorian **Meghan Frederick** and **Melissa King**, who was 3rd in her class standing. At Ellsworth High School, **Charles Proctor** and **Meghan Collins** graduated with honors this year.

All the honor graduates received a certificate from the Board of Selectmen for their outstanding achievements.

Cassandra Engstrom Writes A Winner

(Ellsworth) — Cassandra Engstrom recently won first place in the essay contest sponsored by Ellsworth VFW Post 109. The theme of the essay was "My Pledge to America". Cassandra was awarded a plaque and a \$100.00 savings bond for her winning effort.

In her essay, Cassandra said she pledged to stay patriotic by respecting the symbols of America. She said she is always reminded of those symbols whenever she performs the National Anthem on her trumpet.

Cassandra admits the essay was a last minute assignment and she was surprised to win. She knows a bit about winning though—she's on the Union 92 champion softball and cheering teams at school. She is the daughter of Terry and Barbara Engstrom of Buttermilk Road Lamoine, and will be a freshman next fall at Ellsworth High School.

Lucas Carriere Becomes an Eagle

(Lamoine) — In what's become quite a proud tradition among Boy Scouts in Lamoine, the highest honor in scouting has once again been handed out. Lucas Carriere, the son of Gerry and Warren Carriere of Narrows Way, earned his Eagle Scout badge, and was given the award at a ceremony in late June.

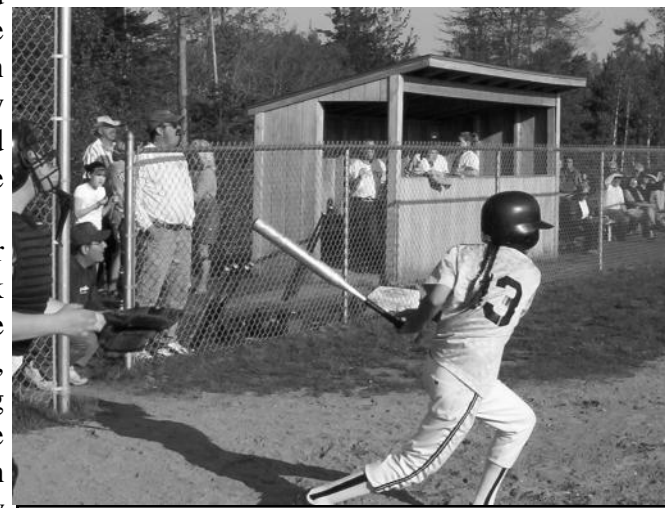
Lucas organized a bike safety rodeo for Lamoine children and built a new bicycle rack for the school. He is a multi-talented teen. He is an accomplished cross-country runner, basketball player, and artist. His art during grammar school was often featured in the town report, and the cover of the 2000 Town Report was his original work. Many congratulations came from all over to Lucas's ceremony, including a certificate from the Board of Selectmen.

Amy Swanberg Excels at Sport, Scholarship

GORHAM, Maine -- Senior Amy Swanberg (Lamoine, Maine) of the University of Southern Maine Huskies women's track and field program has been named to the 2003 Verizon Academic District One College Division Women's Cross Country/Track and Field Second Team as selected by the College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA). Athletes named to the academic

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Lions Capture 2003 Union Softball Crown



It's A Hit!

Alexandra Raynor drives a hit to the outfield in the Union 92 Championship Game vs. Hancock.

(Lamoine) — The Lamoine Lions softball team captured yet another School Union 92 softball championship in June, defeating Hancock by 15 runs in the final playoff game of the season. The game finished under the mercy rule when Lamoine went up by 15 in the 5th inning. The team was undefeated, often winning by 15-runs when the games were stopped. Team members included 8th graders Miranda McIntire, Heather Gordon, Kim Crane, Alexandra Raynor, Emily Miller, Shakeena Gaynor, Kim Tupper, Cassandra Engstrom, Anna Clewley; 7th grader Sarah Marckoon, and 6th graders Cara Weber and Casey Wyman. The team was coached for the 2nd year in a row by Joni Pinkham.

4th Annual Arts Fair Set for August 2nd

(Lamoine) — The 4th Annual Lamoine Arts Fair will be held Saturday August 2 (rain date Sunday the 3rd) at the East Lamoine Meeting House (Historical Society Grounds) on Lamoine Beach Road. The fair features works by Lamoine artists and artisans in a wide range of media. It offers locally-grown produce, home made baked goods and sandwiches. It'll run from 9AM to 3PM and admission is free.

If you want to exhibit your work, call Joan Bragdon at 667-7956. There is no judging or fee to enter. The Lamoine Artisans meet the 3rd Friday of each month at the Fire Station from 1:00 PM until 4:00 PM.



*All State Trumpeters
From the George Stevens Academy Band and
Lamoine are Richard Veysey (l) and to his right,
Haley Gommel. Also pictured are Sebastian Green,
Travis Reiley and Sam Guilford. The All-State
musical weekend was held at the University of
Southern Maine in May.*

district first team in each of the eight CoSIDA districts advance to the Verizon National Academic All-America ballot.

Swanberg is the first member of the USM women's cross country/track and field program to be named to the Verizon Academic District One team. This past year, Swanberg was the New England Alliance/Little East Conference outdoor champion in the pole vault (10-7), and placed second indoors (10-6). She earned Division III All-New England and All-ECAC recognition during the outdoor season when she placed fourth and fifth at those championships, respectively. She also collected Division III All-New England honors during the indoor season when she placed fourth (10-6).

The school record holder outdoors (11-0) and ranked second indoors (10-7), Swanberg was a provisional qualifier for the 2003 NCAA indoor and outdoor national championships meets, but did not make the field. She also won the Little East Conference indoor title in 2001, and the outdoor title in 2002.

A multi-time winner of the USM Athletic Department's William Wise Scholar-Athlete Award, Swanberg has been a Dean's List student every semester over the past four years. She is a member of the Phi Kappa Phi honor society and the Beta Gamma Sigma (business school) honor society. She graduated earlier this month with a degree in business administration, with a minor in computer science, and a 3.87 cumulative grade point average.

Vital Statistics

(Lamoine) — We ran out of room for the vital statistics column in the last *Lamoine Quarterly*, so here's the scoop from the past six months.

The first baby of 2003 was **Leviathan Norwood** who lives on Lamoine Beach Road. He was born January 11th at MDI Hospital. Two days later, **Joshua Willard Jr.** of Shore Road was born at MDI hospital. On February 1st we welcomed **Jonathan West** of Lamoine Beach Road. He was born at Maine Coast Memorial Hospital in Ellsworth. Our final new resident is also a Lamoine Beach Road dweller. **Laura Marie Yeadon** was born on May 27th at MDI Hospital.

Just one marriage to report in the past six months, though several licenses have been issued for late June. **Warren Craft and Janet Davis** were married in Ellsworth on Valentine's Day. Mr. Craft is a member of Lamoine's Board of Appeals.

Lamoine lost several residents in the past six months. **George Thurston** of Walker Road died January 12th. **Victoria Earl** who lived on Seal Point Road passed away February 10th. **Ruth Stratton** passed away on March 20th. She was the widow of former Selectman Ashley Stratton. **Glennon Walker** died March 30th. He was a former custodian at the Lamoine Consolidated School. **Joy Rogers** of Mud Creek Road died on May 4th. **Mary Lou Crabtree** of Birchlawn drive passed away on May 22nd. **Richard Lockhart**, a retired civil engineer from the MDOT died on May 25th. His wife Marilyn recently retired from teaching at the Lamoine School. Our sympathies to all the families.

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Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

		1-7PM Selectmen at Fire Stn 7PM Planning Board	2-7PM Assessors	3-7PM Fire Dept.	4	5
6	7	8-7PM Public Works	9—7PM Conservation Commission	10-7PM Fire Dept.	11	12
13	14-10AM Postal Carriers	15-7PM School building Committee	16	17-7PM Selectmen 7PM Fire Dept	18	19
20	21	22	23	24-7PM Fire Dept	25	26
27	28	29	30	31-7PM Fire Dept.		

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3	4	5	6-7PM Assessors	7-7PM Fire Dept.	8	9
10	11	12-7PM Planning Board	13-7PM Conservation Commission	14-7PM Selectmen 7PM Fire Dept.	15-5PM Fire Dept. Auction	16
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1-Office Closed—Labor Day	2-7PM Planning Board	3-7PM Assessors	4-7PM Fire Dept.	5	6
7	8-7PM School Committee	9	10-7PM Conservation Commission	11-7PM Selectmen 7PM Fire Dept.	12	13
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